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VIDYA

Newsletter of VIDYA
Delhi, NCR



VIDYA SCHOOL, GURGAON

VIDYA School extends its heartfelt gratitude to writer Ms. Shikha Kumar, British Council, CBSE, Infosys, and FLL India Regional Championship for their support and generosity which have played a significant role in Vidya School's growth and development.

• Interaction with writer Shikha Kumar

On 2nd February 2016, 5 girls of classes 10th and 11th attended interactive session with writer Shikha Kumar. The workshop was thrilling. The girls asked questions about how to improve their writing skills and be more creative.



• Inter school kho-kho competition

On 3rd February 2016, an inter school Kho - kho competition was held at our school. Girls participated with great enthusiasm.

• British council seminar

On 16th February 2016, a seminar was held at Pullman Hotel by British Council attended by our Principal Ms. V Suprabha, Ms. Sunita Tyagi and Ms. Sunita Mohanty. The seminar was conducted by Charu Bajaj who is presently working with Edu comp. Practical teaching approaches that will enhance core skills were discussed.



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• CYBER Olympiad

Students of classes VI –XI were felicitated with medals by Principal

Ms. V Suprabha in the assembly for 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions in their respective class. Some of the students qualified for the 2nd Level of Cyber Olympiad.



• Workshop on Inclusive Education

On 11th and 12th of February a two day workshop was held by CBSE at its centre in Gurgaon.



1.InFOSYS PRIZE 2015

• Workshop on co-scholastic education

A two days workshop was held at Kunsapskolan School by CBSE on 13th and 14th February attended by Mr. Gaurav Parihar and Mr. Shakeel Ahmed.

The main purpose was to promote weaker students so that they come up to the mark and gain self confidence. The Focus was on improving Learner Life Skills (attitudes, values, participation in Co-curricular activities), Social Skills, Thinking Skills and Motivational Skills in Children.

On 13 February'2016 eleven students along with two teachers and Principal Ma'am went to Taj Palace in New Delhi to attend the Infosys Prize Ceremony where six great laureates were awarded and encouraged in different fields for their new discoveries and extraordinary inventions.

- **Saraswati puja celebration**

On 12th of February 2016, Vidya celebrated Sarawsati Puja. Puja's rituals were performed in the presence of the whole school and all the staff and teachers. Prayers were offered to Agni, and Prasad as distributed to all the children.



- **RISING STAR in first lego league**

The Judges Panel has selected our team as the **Rising star of FLL India Regional Championship** and presented this award to our school in the National Championship which was held on 9th & 10th February 2016 at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi.

- **Swacch bharat abhiyaan**

A special assembly was held in the school in which the students took pledge to keep the society as well as the surroundings clean.



- **Entrance exam**

Entrance exam was held for classes from 1st to class 11th in the school for the new academic session. Around 700 children participated in the test. Children were selected on the basis of the marks obtained by them in the written test as well as the interview.

• Women's day Celebration - 8th march

Many eminent sponsors of our school took out valuable time from their busy schedules to be a part of this special show. The Vidya integrated wing presented a number of shows such as a skit which was presented in English by the students of Open school. A dance was also performed by the students. A group song was also presented by the women of the wing. The function was appreciated by all the special guests and the teachers.



• Holi celebration

Holi was celebrated with great zeal and enthusiasm. A party was organised for the teachers. Teachers were served with special Holi snacks. Teachers played with gulaal and enjoyed themselves.

• Evolution movie

The popular movie 'Evolution' (a science fiction) was shown to children of class IVth. The motive was to familiarise the little minds of the children about the universe and the extra terrestrial objects which exist in the universe.

• Intelly Jelly - story telling

A new magazine "Intelly Jelly" for kids was introduced. Children were asked various questions, puzzles and played some educational games too.

• British Council workshop

A workshop on critical thinking was attended by Ms. Sunita Tyagi and Ms. Sunita Mohanty.



VIDYA Mandira Women's Programme

- The first group of women who underwent driving sessions has picked up the basic driving skills. In order to enhance their skills further they will be provided training/guidance on the school campus.
- English and Life Skill classes are going well. They have shown improvement in assessments. Through Life Skill there is change in their thinking. Now they have become more positive in their attitude towards life.
- In Computers they have been imparted knowledge about on-line & e-commerce portals. They were taught how to do on-line payments through portals like PayTm. Along with PayTm they were also taught how to use social media like Facebook. They also learned the use of WhatsApp which will be very handy when they take up driving as a profession.
- They will have their NDLM on-line exam in the month of March. Learners had a revision session at NIIT Foundation centre on February 9th 2016.
- The first group of 8 women who underwent road driving has completed their classes. One of them has got a placement as trainer in Maruti.
- Students have given their online **NDLM Exam** (NIIT Foundation) and have got their certificate.
- Acquiring knowledge in English has put these women on the forefront and they have acquired acquiring confidence to compete with others. Life skills are helping them to have a rounded personality.
- **International Women's Day** was celebrated on 8th March 2016. The function was attended by some known dignitaries from industry and media. Dr. Simi Malhotra (academics, media and culture), Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, Mr. Vinod Hans, Managing Director Federal Mogul, Mrs. Hardeep Vilku, CSR Co-ordinator Federal Mogul, Mr. Ashish Mathur, Assistant General Manager IDTRLP Maruti Suz



VIDYA-Mandira Women's Driving Programme presented a skit which depicted their feelings about how this programme had changed their lives. uki India Ltd, Ms Neeti Tyagi, ICRA and Ms Navneet Kapoor, ITC Fortune.



- On 22.03.16, festival of colours-Holi was celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm.



- To emphasize the need for women to be fit and healthy- Arogya Kendra is conducting **Yoga classes** twice a week with a group of 15 women.



VIDYA Bal Vihar, Delhi

Activities taken: Scholastic & Co-scholastic

- **Proud moment for Vidya.** All the hard work and effort bore fruit when Vidya signed an agreement with SDMC on 29th Feb. 2016, to run a primary school at PTS Colony South Delhi from 1st April 2016. The new branch will commence with classes Nursery, I & II. We all have a new role and responsibility to make this school a role model for government. Congratulations and Best Wishes to the entire team.
- The scholastic and co-scholastic activities in the school continued in the month of February.
- Scholastic – it was the month of recapitulation, as the final exams began on 1st March, 2016. Mock test papers, surprise tests, worksheets, oral drills were conducted to prepare children for the exams. Children were given grades for music, Art & Craft and dance as well, as a part of comprehensive evaluation.

- **Special Assembly** - The year long assembly on states of India ended with the states Orrisa & Maharashtra. The food, costume, language, flora & fauna, dance were portrayed in the morning assembly followed by a play depicting "Real heroes of the country" those who sacrifice their lives at border and the ones who spend their lives working as farmers in villages and slums.

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- **Medical** - An eye camp was organized on 10th & 11th February by Fortis Foundation in partnership with PNBHFL. General eye checkup was conducted by the experts followed by reports to every parent.
- **Adventure Camp** - students of class V went for an adventure camp to Ramjas ground organized by Youth Adventure on 12th Feb. 2016. Rock climbing, Rappelling, Burma Bridge, Flying Fox, Double Rope Bridge, Wall Climbing & Rope Ladder were the highlight of the camp. Children realized the importance of physical fitness and mental alertness.



- **Workshop** - Three teachers of Bal Vihar attended a workshop titled: Sex education and relationship management in classroom through stories, conducted by Mr Ameen Haque founder of Storywallah.
- The last month of the academic year ended with final exams. 284 Students appeared in final exam.



- 276 were promoted to next class and 158 students scored above average marks. PTM was held on 19th March to declare the result. Parents were given yearly assessment report and students of 5th standard were guided admission to other schools. 98% parents attended the PTM.
- On 11th March 72 girls underwent Taekwondo belt up gradation test.
- 65 new students were admitted in the school in different classes for the new session.



- The session began with a message through a story on "Personal Hygiene", in the morning assembly.
- On 28th and 30th March, Riya, a volunteer from US conducted a workshop with class IV & V on learning skills and discipline, through various interesting activities.
- Dental check up for students and staff by Fortis Foundation in partnership with PNBHFL held on 29th and 30th March 2015.
- Students of 4th and 5th std. went to Asola Wild Life Sanctuary at Tuglakabad. Children learnt the importance of various trees and to save wild life to maintain ecological balance in the environment.
- A warm farewell was given to senior staff Neelam for her dedicated precious 20 years of service to Bal Vihar.

Community Update, Delhi In MUNIRKA



• Vasant Panchami

Vasant Panchami was celebrated at the centre on 12 February 2016. All of us prayed to Goddess Saraswati as the goddess of learning. Sweets in the form of Prasad were distributed. Everyone wore yellow clothes.

• Car Free Day

On 22nd February 2016, we participated in 5th Car Free Day, started by Delhi Government at 7.30Am. 22 students & 3 teachers from Munirka were present at the event. All the MLAs and Mr. Gopal Roy, honorable transport minister were present on stage. The program started with a patriotic song, followed by a street play, tree plantation, cycle rally, padyatra (foot march) and a cultural program.

• Inter-agency NGO meet:

On 28th Feb 201, 10 students from Munirka community project participated in an inter agency meet organized by the Department of Social work, Jamia Millia and NSS. Event is comprised of two sections sports and cultural program. Aditya got the first prize in sack race. Kiran, Gulista, Bhavna and Anita come first in group task activity. The same girls got the third prize in Dance competition. Their dance performance highlighted issue of violence against women.



• **VIDYA USHA Silai Centre:**

VIDYA started a women's skill centre with support from Federal Mogul in the Motilal Nehru camp after conducting a need assessment. The program will bring significant change in the lives of the women of Munirka and Motilal Nehru camp of Delhi. The program was formally inaugurated on 9th Feb 16 by Mrs. Hardeep in the presence of EB member of



VIDYA. 27 women enrolled in the program to get professional training in stitching and tailoring from USHA. A structured curriculum will enable learners to become proficient at the end of 6 months. USHA will do an evaluation and certify the successful candidate. On completion these women can work as trainers, work from home, take up jobs or start a micro enterprise.



• *Final exams started from 17 March 2016.*



Extra Help

• 6 volunteers from CSS, one of them Ema is in fact a returning volunteer. She came to Munirka one-and-a-half years ago; and has come again with friends and family. They helped our students in Maths and English.

• World Water Day

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Result

• 31 March 2016 was the last day. We had a farewell. Students got their final results.

Closing ceremony

This centre has been running for the last two decades. Beyond and crech programs were discontinued. Kids and their mother expressed gratitude to the teachers for their service to the community.





In PAPPANKALA

- **Awareness session on Hepatitis:** On 19th of February we conducted a health awareness session on Hepatitis. 45 people received information how the disease spreads, its symptoms, precaution, prevention and information about the treatment of Hepatitis.
- **Exam Preparation:** Preparation and revision of all the subjects was conducted as in March students have final exams in their regular school as well as in our center. In the month of March children were busy preparing and appearing in the final exams in their regular school. Our remedial students scored good grades. Neha, Nishu, Sabiya, Roshan, Bhoomika, NishaKumari and Sunny not only got good grades but also secured 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions.
- On the 22nd we celebrated World Water Day by conducting an awareness session on importance of clean water and need to save water.
- Festival of colors Holi was celebrated by conducting rangoli competition. Children presented a small skit depicting the story behind the Holi festival, Later children played Holi with gulal.



Bridge Course Okhla and Gurgaon

Activities

- Regular academics classes were conducted. All teachers have completed their syllabus. Pre Board Exams will start from 1st March. NIOS practical exams will start from 15th March 2016
- NIOS children and staff joined Saraswati pooja on Basant Panchmi held by VIDYA school.

Activities

- Regular classes
 - Pre board examination
 - Visit of Donor (Mughal Fedral Team)
 - Self Defence Training
 - An Excursion to Pratap Garh
- Revision and Pre board examination have been held and some students have done well in all subjects. NIOS theory exams will start from 31st March.
- Mughal Fedral team visited our center on 8th March (Women's Internation day) Mrs. Harpreet and Mr. Amit interacted with the children and a small cultural program was organized by Woman Programm, Okhla center and Bridge course.
- Self Defence training was organized by GE for the girls 11 girls and 2 teachers attended this programm.
 - Students and teachers went on an excursion to Pratap Garh on 18th March. Students had a good time and many games & activities like Mud bath, Camel riding, Pottery making, Archery were conducted.
 - Pre Board Examination
 - Mughal Fedral team interacted with the children



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

• *Vidya song sang by children*



Self Defence Training

Group picture (excursion to Pratap Garh)



In Okhla

- **Eye Camp (20 Feb 16):** an eye camp was organized by Satya Sai sewa samiti for the kids of our centre and their parents. 263 people benefited. Spectacles given to 143 people and 10 were identified for cataract operation. Teachers also got their eyes checked and doctor recommends glasses to 4 teachers free of cost. Counseling was provided to the community people. Medicine was distributed without cost.



People waiting for their turn during eye check up camp

- **World Day of Social Justice:** was observed in Okhla centre. A mime act was presented by theatre group students. Student also took part in a debate on importance of social justice for nation's growth.
- **Basant Pnachami** celebrations started with the traditional pooja and distribution of parsad. An interactive session was organized. A reading session was also organized in the library cum activity centre. It was emphasized that education is only way to get rid of problems in life.



• **Car free day:** Vidya Okhla students took part in the fifth car free day at Munirka T point on 22 Feb'16. Student took part in a 2 KM long walkabout. Students also took part in a plantation drive. This event help students to be active in making their city pollution free.



• **Inter-Agency meet:** 20 kids participate in Inter agency meet organized by the Jamia Millia Islamia University on 28 Feb 16. Inter-agency meet is divided into two sections. In the first section a sports meet was organize and kids participated in it. In second section a cultural program was organized. Every year the NGO meet is organized by Jamia Department of Social work and NSS to observe the Dr. Zakir Hussain's anniversary. This year 2 MSW first year students Zarnain and Ayaz were place by the Department of Social work in the Okhla Community Development project. Student participated in sack race, chatti race, lemon race and banana race. In the second section boys presented a mime act on the girl's safety.

• **Visit by Dr. Ashok Mishra (29 Feb'16):** Dr. Ashok Mishra founder member of VIDYA visited the Okhla Centre with engineering students of IIITD. He interacted with the Kids and staff. Children presented a welcome song.



• **Elephant festival:** Centre for Environment Communication (CEC) and Prayas organized the Elephant festival in partnership with VIDYA, Magic Bus, and PVR Nest. 18 children and 2 teachers from the Okhla community Development Project participated.



All NGO partner on stage with CEC founder president

• **World Water Day:** was observed in Okhla centre on 22 Mar 16. Program started with a drawing competition. Children made beautiful drawings. Source of water was theme for class III. Children in drawing competition. Class 4th had theme "Water conservation". Class 5th children made drawings on "Use of water". An awareness session was also organized.

Holi Celebration (23 Mar 16): Holi was celebrated on 23rd Mar 2016. Kids played dry Holi to save water. Herbal gulal was used



• **Final Evaluation:** Final evaluation for Beyond school children was held from 17- 22 Mar'16. . Teachers revised the syllabus in the first and second week of Mar'16. Exam was conducted in two shifts. 245 children appeared in the exam.

• **Result Declaration and PTM (30 Mar 16):** result was declared on 30 Mar 2016.

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